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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. ***Claims 1-43*** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Aekins (United States Patent 6,057,743).

Regarding **claim 1**, Aekins discloses a distributed noise reduction circuits in telecommunication system connector. In addition, Aekins discloses a method comprising encoding a digital signal in a manner that reduces variations over time in a collective signal level of the digital signal; communicating the digital signal over a plurality of segments of signal lines; and transposing the signal lines between the segments of signal lines in a manner that reduces differences between interline couplings of different pairs of the signal lines, as disclosed at column 3, line 53 through column 7, line 51 and exhibited in figures 1-3.

Regarding **claim 2**, Aekins discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Aekins discloses wherein the interline coupling of a particular pair of signal lines is represented as a function of the distances between said particular pair of signal lines over all the segments as disclosed at column 3, line 53 through column 7, line 51 and exhibited in figures 1-3.

Regarding **claim 3**, Aekins discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Aekins discloses wherein the interline coupling of a particular pair of signal lines is represented as a function of a summation of the distances between said particular pair of signal lines over all the segments as disclosed at column 3, line 53 through column 7, line 51 and exhibited in figures 1-3.

Regarding **claim 4**, Aekins discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Aekins discloses wherein the segments have approximately equal lengths as disclosed at column 3, line 53 through column 7, line 51 and exhibited in figures 1-3.

Regarding **claim 5**, Aekins discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Aekins discloses wherein: the segments have approximately equal lengths; and as the interline coupling of a particular pair of signal lines is represented as a function of a summation of the distances between said particular pair of signal lines over all the segments as disclosed at column 3, line 53 through column 7, line 51 and exhibited in figures 1-3.

Regarding **claim 6**, Aekins discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition wherein at least two of the segments have different lengths, as disclosed at column 3, line 53 through column 7, line 51 and exhibited in figures 1-3.

Regarding **claim 7**, Aekins discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 1), in addition Aekins discloses wherein at least two of the segments have different lengths, the different lengths being such that they reduce differences between

the interline couplings of different pairs of the signal lines, as disclosed at column 3, line 53 through column 7, line 51 and exhibited in figures 1-3.

Regarding **claims 8-43**, they are inherent variations of the method claims 1-7, therefore claims 8-43 are interpreted and thus rejected for the reasons set forth above in claims 1-7.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jefferey F. Harold whose telephone number is 571-272-7519. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 am - 5:30 pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing F. Chan can be reached on 571-272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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